

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA

The Prince William Sound Area includes all waters of Alaska between the longitude of Cape Fairfield and the longitude of Cape Suckling. These regulations apply on waters within or adjacent to the Chugach National Forest, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve. Bureau of Land Management lands are open to fishing on non-navigable waters only. [See map on following page .]

Customary and Traditional Use Determinations:

For salmon:

Southwestern District and Green Island. Residents of the Southwestern District (mainland waters from the outer point on the north shore of Granite Bay to Cape Fairfield, and Knight Island, Chenega Island, Bainbridge Island, Evans Island, Elrington Island, Latouche Island, and adjacent islands).

North of a line from Porcupine Point to Granite Point, and south of a line from Point Lowe to Tongue Point. Residents of the villages of Tatitlek and Ellamar.

Upper Copper River District.

- Glennallen Subdistrict. Residents of the Prince William Sound Area and residents of Healy Lake, Dot Lake, Northway, Tanacross, Tetlin, Tok, and those individuals living along the Alaska Highway from the Alaskan/Canadian border to Dot Lake, along the Tok Cutoff from Tok to Mentasta Pass, and along the Nabesna Road.
- Chitina Subdistrict. Residents of Chitina, Cantwell, Chistochina, Copper Center, Gakona, Gulkana, Mentasta Lake, and Tazlina.

Bazulnetas. (Waters of the Copper River between National Park Service regulatory markers located near the mouth of Tanada Creek, and in Tanada Creek between National Park Service regulatory markers identifying the open waters of the creek.) Residents of Mentasta Lake and Dot Lake.

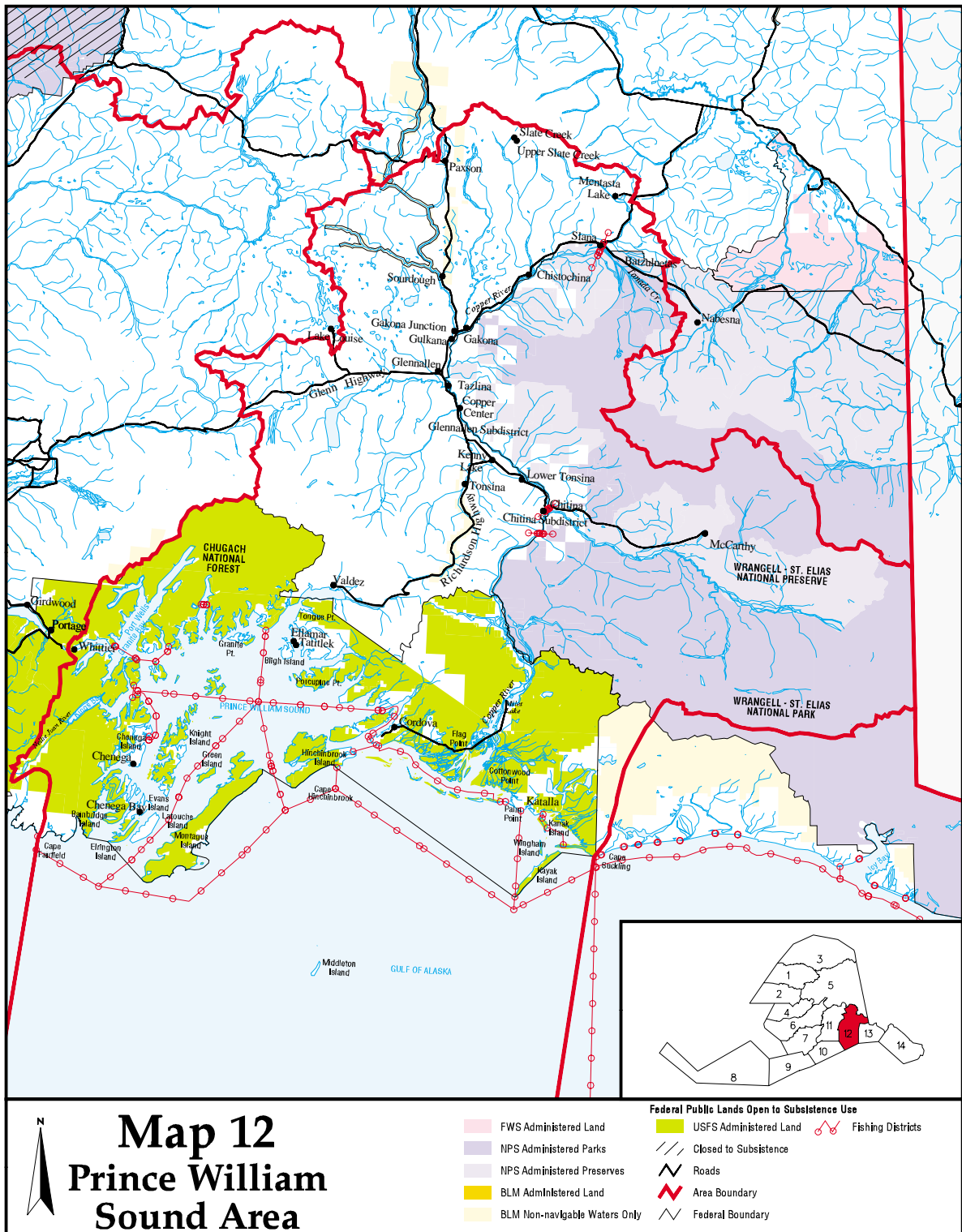
Remainder of the Prince William Sound Area. Residents of the Prince William Sound Area.

General Provisions:

NO SUBSISTENCE PERMIT REQUIRED. You may take fish at any time in the Prince William Sound Area, except for salmon, rainbow trout, steelhead trout, and other freshwater fish species, for subsistence purposes without a subsistence fishing permit, unless restricted below or by emergency regulation.

You may take salmon and freshwater fish species only with a subsistence fishing permit as outlined in this section.

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General Provisions (cont.):

If you take rainbow trout or steelhead trout incidentally in other subsistence net fisheries, you may retain them for subsistence purposes.

Regulations:

Upper Copper River District. You may take salmon in the Upper Copper River District only as outlined below:

- Glennallen Subdistrict. from May 15 through September 30.
- Chitina Subdistrict is closed to harvesting salmon for subsistence purposes. You may not take salmon in the Chitina Subdistrict.

Batzulnetas. Residents of Mentasta Village and Dot Lake may take salmon in the vicinity of the former Native village of Batzulnetas, and only with a Batzulnetas subsistence salmon fishing permit available from the National Park Service at Slana under the following conditions:

- Copper River. You may take salmon only in those waters of the Copper River between National Park Service regulatory markers located near the mouth of Tanada Creek, and in Tanada Creek between National Park Service regulatory markers identifying the open waters of the creek.
- Copper River. You may use only fishwheels, dip nets, and rod and reel on the Copper River.
- Tanada Creek. You may use only dip nets, spears, and rod and reel in Tanada Creek.
- You may take salmon only from May 15 through September 30 or until the season is closed by special action (emergency regulation).
- You may retain chinook salmon taken in a fishwheel in the Copper River. You may not take chinook salmon in Tanada Creek.
- You must return the subsistence fishing permit to the Slana National Park Service office no later than October 15.

Southwestern District and Green Island. You may take salmon for subsistence purposes with no harvest or possession limits in those waters of the Southwestern District and along the northwestern shore of Green Island from the westernmost tip of the island to the northernmost tip, only as follows:

- You may use seines up to 50 fathoms in length and 100 meshes deep with a maximum mesh size of four inches, or gillnets up to 150 fathoms in length, except that you may take pink salmon only in fresh water using dip nets.
- You may take salmon only from May 15 until two days before the commercial opening of the Southwestern District, seven days per week. During the commercial salmon fishing season, you may only take salmon only during the commercial salmon fishing periods; and from two days following the closure of the commercial salmon season until September 30, seven days per week.
- You may not fish within the closed waters areas for commercial salmon fisheries.

REGULATIONS (CONTINUED):

You may take salmon for subsistence purposes with no harvest or possession limits in those waters north of a line from Porcupine Point to Granite Point, and south of a line from Point Lowe to Tongue Point, only as follows:

- You may use seines up to 50 fathoms in length and 100 meshes deep with a maximum mesh size of four inches, or gillnets up to 150 fathoms in length with a maximum mesh size of 6¼ inches, except that you may only take pink salmon in fresh water using dip nets.
- You may take salmon only from May 15 until two days before the commercial opening of the Eastern District, seven days per week during the commercial salmon fishing season, only during open commercial salmon fishing periods.
- You may also take salmon from two days following the closure of the commercial salmon season until October 31, seven days per week.
- You may not fish within waters closed to commercial salmon fishing.

Copper River tributaries. You may not take salmon in the tributaries of the Copper River and waters of the Copper River not in the Upper Copper River District, except as permitted at Batzulnetas.

Gear:

You may take fish by gear listed in this part, unless restricted here or by a subsistence fishing permit.

You may take salmon only by the following types of gear:

- Batzulnetas. You may use only fishwheels, dip nets, and rod and reel in the Copper River. You may use only dip nets, spears, and rod and reel in Tanada Creek.
- Glennallen Subdistrict. You may take salmon only by fishwheels, rod and reel, or dip nets.
- You must personally operate the fishwheel or dip net. You may not loan or transfer a subsistence fishwheel or dip net permit, except as permitted.
- You may not rent, lease, or otherwise use your fishwheel used for subsistence fishing for personal gain.
- You must register your fishwheel with ADF&G.
- Your registration number and name and address must be permanently affixed and plainly visible on the fishwheel when the fishwheel is in the water. A wood or metal plate at least 12 inches high by 12 inches wide, bearing your name and address in letters and numerals at least 1 inch high, must be attached to each fishwheel so that the name and address are plainly visible.
- Only the current year's registration number may be attached to the fishwheel. Remove any other registration number from the fishwheel.
- You must remove the fishwheel from the water at the end of the permit period.
- You may operate only 1 fishwheel at any one time.
- You may not set or operate a fishwheel within 75 feet of another fishwheel.
- No fishwheel may have more than two baskets.

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REGULATIONS (CONTINUED):

Permit Information:

The following applies to Upper Copper River District subsistence salmon fishing permits:

- Only one type of gear may be specified on a permit.
- Only one permit per year may be issued to a household.
- You must return your permit no later than October 31 (October 15 for Batzulnetas), or you may be denied a permit for the following year.
- If your household has an ADF&G Chitina Subdistrict subsistence salmon fishing permit, you will not be issued a Copper River subsistence salmon fishing permit.
- Only one permit holder at a time may operate a fishwheel. That permit holder needs to mark the fishwheel with their current year's registration number and name and address permanently affixed and plainly visible on the fishwheel when the fishwheel is in the water. A wood or metal plate at least 12 inches high by 12 inches wide, bearing your name and address in letters and numerals at least 1 inch high, must be attached to each fishwheel so that the name and address are plainly visible.
- Only the permit holder and the authorized member of the household listed on the subsistence permit may take salmon;
- A permit holder must record on ADF&G forms all salmon taken immediately after landing the salmon.

The total annual possession limit for an Upper Copper River District subsistence salmon fishing permit is:

- For a household with one person, 30 salmon, and no more than five of those 30 salmon may be chinook salmon if taken by dip net.
- For a household with two persons, 60 salmon, and no more than five may be chinook salmon if taken by dip net; plus 10 salmon for each additional person in a household over two, except that the household's limit for chinook salmon taken by dip net does not increase.
- Additional salmon permits may be requested and will be issued for no more than a total of 200 salmon for a permit issued to a household with one person, of which no more than five may be chinook salmon if taken by dip net; or no more than a total of 500 salmon for a permit issued to a household with two or more persons, of which no more than five may be chinook salmon if taken by dip net.
- You may operate only one fishwheel at any one time.
- You may not set or operate a fishwheel within 75 feet of another fishwheel.
- No fishwheel may have more than two baskets.

There is no harvest limit for Batzulnetas.

A subsistence fishing permit may be issued to a village council, or other similarly qualified organization whose members operate fishwheels for subsistence purposes in

REGULATIONS (CONTINUED):

the Upper Copper River District, to operate fishwheels on behalf of members of its village or organization. A permit may only be issued following approval by ADF&G of a harvest assessment plan to be administered by the permitted council or organization.

The harvest assessment plan must include:

- Provisions for recording daily catches for each fishwheel
- Sample data collection forms
- Location and number of fishwheels
- The full legal name of the individual responsible for the lawful operation of each fishwheel
- Any other information necessary for effective resource management.

Additional Provisions – The following additional provisions apply to Upper Copper River subsistence fishing permits:

- The permit must list all households and household members for whom the fishwheel is being operated;
- The allowable harvest may not exceed the combined seasonal limits for the households listed on the permit; the permittee must notify ADF&G when households are added to the list, and the seasonal limit may be adjusted accordingly;
- Members of households listed on a permit issued to a village council or other similarly qualified organization, are not eligible for a separate household subsistence fishing permit for the Upper Copper River District.
- You may not possess salmon taken with an Upper Copper River district subsistence fishing permit, unless both lobes of the caudal (tail) fin have been immediately removed from the salmon.

In locations open to commercial salmon fishing other than described for the Upper Copper River District, the annual subsistence salmon limit is as follows:

- For a household with one person, 15 salmon;
- For a household with two persons, 30 salmon, and 10 salmon for each additional person in a household;
- No more than five chinook salmon may be taken per permit.